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Name: Saltonstall, Leverett - Republican - Senator from Massachusetts

Home: Smith Street, Dover, Massachusetts

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Born: Chestnut Hill (Newton), Massachusetts - September 1, 1892

Marital Status: to former Alice Wesselhoeft - 6 children: Leverett Jr. (1st Lt. USA, discharged); Rosalie (deceased); Emily B. (Radioman 1/C USNR, WAVES, discharged); Peter B. (killed in action, Sergeant USMC); William L. (Quartermaster, 3/C, USNR, discharged), and Susan.

Military: 1st Lieutenant, 301st Field Artillery (1917-18). Five months' service in France

Education: Noble and Greenough School
Harvard College (A.B. 1914)
Harvard Law (LLD - 1917)

Profession: Lawyer

Member, Board of Aldermen, Newton (1920-22). Assistant D.A. of Middlesex County (1921-22). Member, Mass. House of Representatives (1923-36). Speaker of that House for 8 years. Governor (1938); reelected 1940 and 1942. Elected to US Senate November 7, 1944 for unexpired term of Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr. (resigned) which ended Jan. 3, 1949; reelected 1948, 1954, and again in 1960 for term ending January 3, 1967.

Bases: Laurence G. Hanscom Field; Otis; Westover

Committees: Armed Services (Subcommittees: Preparedness Investigating; Study Conflict of Interest Laws; CIA; Cold War Menace) *Labor, NE V-ex offices; Commerce*
Appropriations (Subcommittees: Dept. of Defense; District of Columbia; General Government Matters; Independent Offices; Legislative; Military Construction; Dept. of State) *Sf. Sub on CIA; Delegations;*
Small Business (Subcommittees: Financing; Government Procurement)
Minority Conference - Chairman

Minority Policy Committee

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Remarks: Fairminded and a man of integrity. Has praised the AF for its support of research in New England through various agencies such as Lincoln Laboratories, Cambridge Research Center, MIT.

In 1956, as a member of the Symington Subcommittee on Airpower, submitted a minority report for himself and former Sen. Duff (Pa.)

Also, in 1956, agreed with Sen. Bridges in opposing single chief of staff, at least in foreseeable future.

Supported 1958 military pay increase legislation.

86th Congress:

Military Construction -- during debate of the authorization bill, called for report on feasibility of expediting Bomarc program, review of all previously programmed missile sites, latest information on antimissile missile, and opinions of JCS on defense of Hawaii, and nature of any military threat in next 5 years.

Outer Space -- US bid for superiority will improve with shift of Army's ballistic missile agency to civilian space administration. Praised President's action in ordering the shift. Said: "The purpose is to stop duplication and rivalries which hamper progress." (AP News, November 5, 1959)

Unification -- Praised former Sec/Defense Gates' plan to head off interservice disputes. Called it direct, concrete step toward greater civilian control. (Cong. Record January 11, 1960 P 177)

Defense Programs -- must be judged carefully on proper information -- not partisan differences. (Cong. Record January 28, 1960 P 1395)

Deterrent Weapons -- backed S/Defense Gates' idea that our nation's great defensive strength not depend on any single weapon. We should not restrict it to only the ICBM, for instance, as the only weapon in our arsenal which we can depend on to deter Soviets. "We must not fall prey to considering our national preparedness from only one aspect or from a 'numbers' -- rather than quality -- evaluation exclusively." (Cong. Record February 2, 1960 Page 1582)

Defense Posture -- in debate - said Russians are ahead of us today in thrust -- because they started ahead of us after WW II -- we began in 1954.

As to airborne alert said that questioning of Sec. Sharp and Gen. White indicated they desired a congressional interpretation of what an airborne alert as an allowable expense might be. Said he, Sen. Chavez, and Sen. Young indicated it was their opinion President can order it under powers spelled out in Section 612 (a) and (b) and then return to Congress for additional money. (P 2247)

B-52-ICBM --- in reply to Senator Mansfield's question -- will manned planes decrease in effectiveness as ICBM's become more numerous? -- said he does not think it possible to compare the two weapons -- B-52 with its improvements, approved for release 2004/01/15: CIA-RDP64B00346R000100170042-1. The ICBM will be, of course, ultimately, more destructive when its accuracy is determined and when its numbers have increased." (Page 2248)

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Several times praised former S/Defense Gates for his efforts in speeding up decision-making in DOD and for upholding principles of the 1958 Reorganization Act. (Congressional Record January 11, 19; May 2, 1960)

Procurement Study -- Hearings by Procurement Subcommittee 8-9 February 1960:

Said: "If many of our Government contract dollars were to be awarded through the method of competitive negotiation . . . it seems to me that the Congress and the American people would like some further assurance that such awards would be as fair and economical as the traditional method of advertised competitive bidding." Suggested: All procurement (not classified) should be published in the "Daily Synopsis of Government Procurements" of the D/Commerce, before negotiation is begun, so that all qualified bidders will be on notice of Government's needs. After competitive negotiations have been completed, through some similar medium the awards should be publicized, together with the amounts of all bids and the reasons for selecting the winning contractor. Recommended further that we control more strictly the subcontracting of components, both to utilize more fully our vast industrial capacity and to make possible more small-business participation in the defense program. Commended the Armed Services for two major steps taken: (1) single manager method of procurement; (2) trend toward purchase of all common items through Federal Supply Service of GSA.

87th Congress - comments --

Area Redevelopment -- debate on legislation. Opposed Long (La) amendment re: reactivation of military installations. Said if base is deactivated for 5 years and it is to be reactivate - would cost great deal of money. (Cong. Record March 14, 1961 Page 3647)

Housing -- during floor debate of HR 5000, military construction, said testimony of Housing Adm., AF, and DOD indicates Capehart Housing poorly administered. Thoroughly believes in Capehart principle and believes we should construct this type housing on installment basis -- but appropriations should be spread over a period of years. Capehart program should be thoroughly revamped. (Cong. Record May 9, 1961 Page 7098)

Joint Chiefs -- Asked Sec McNamara (hearings on April 1961 Author. of Appropriations for aircraft, missiles, and vessels) about functioning of and handling of security information given him by CIA. Also asked him: "how can you give the AF officers who do not fly more pay than an Army officer of the same grade?" He was answered that it was a very difficult question. (P 102) Also mentioned newspaper article entitled "U.S. Has 59 Hydrogen Missiles Ready to Go." Said "We get disturbed up here in this committee sometimes because we take something in utter secrecy and then we read it in the paper the next morning." (P 106 *ibid*)

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Speech (April 14, 1961 - 65th Annual Meeting -- American Academy of Political and Social Science) -- "The new administration obviously endeavors to keep US deterrent strength finely balanced between tactical and strategic capability and has taken certain steps to improve that balance of which I heartily approve. The most encouraging aspects of the new recommendations in my opinion are these:

- (1) The Pentagon has speeded up action on immediately affected programs to strengthen quickly the quality of our dual deterrent;
- (2) The Pentagon has demonstrated a decisive selectivity in making hard choices with regard to various weapons systems, their development and their utilization."

Discussed Polaris subs, Minuteman, strategic bombers, B-70, Nike-Zeus, ANF, etc. Referred to immense importance of interdependence for military policy. There's need for interdependence with other nations of free world partnership, specifically participants of NAT, CENTO, and SEATO alliances, of which we are a member; there's need for interdependence between our defense policy and the other aspects of our total international strategy. Believes our policy of deterrence must be as consistent as possible with efforts to bring about adequately protected weapons tests and disarmament agreements. (Cong. Record May 11, 1961 Page 7289)

Preparedness Hearings (May 10-21, 1961) - Capehart Housing:

Said testimony of military completely different from what was heard before. "The FHA did not take the preferred stock simply because they consider the military ultimately responsible. In every other housing arrangement they took this preferred stock, but in this one they were simply the conduits, you might say, and the military was ultimately responsible. Therefore, no preferred stock holding was deemed necessary." (P 186-87)

F-105 -- hearings on HR 5000, mil. construction authorizations FY 62 (March 2-29, 1961) - during discussion of F-105 asked if when they use the aircraft for tactical purposes if they have them loaded with bombs, too. (P 554) - Same hearings: asked about all-weather fighter; new SAGE equipment if it would complete the SAGE net; Capehart housing; lease arrangements at Ankara; allotment of square feet for airmen and officers.

Air Academy -- while discussing deficiency authorizations and AF request for a \$2 million increase to current authorization said: "Mr. Chairman, this is jumping awfully quickly. There has been a great deal of argument about the size and cost of the AF Academy. Now, you are asking for authorization of \$2 million more. That means you are going to come in for probably \$2 million more of money. Is that essential? Where would that \$2million go?" Col. Parkhill said its for cost overruns on other contracts that are close to completion to pay contractors' claims. (P 641) Senator said that "may I respectfully say that I think this will be a very much contested subject. I think that we ought to have clearly on the record how many of these claims have been validated at the present time, how many remain unvalidated, and what is the total amount that is now anticipated. this will exceed authorizations and appropriations." (P 642)

Oceanography -- he opposed S. 901, comprehensive 10 year oceanographic research program. Feels it too costly. Should not be instituted until our armed service's programs are shored up. (Cong. Record July 18, 1961 Page 12867)

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Supersonic transport - on \$12 million contained in Independent Offices appropriations said he voted for the item because this was on the commercial side of research and development rather than on military side. Urged the Senate to support the position of the Senate DOD Appropriations Committee on the B-70 when it comes up before the Senate next week (Aug. 3, 1961). In his colloquy with Sen. Symington - said "We cannot compel the administration to spend money. All we can do is appropriate the money. If the money is not spent this year, or if the development of the B-70 does not go forward, then I certainly believe the money in question should not be provided." (Congress. Record July 28, 1961)

Manned Bombers - said Committee provided \$440 million for B-70 R & D, in response to testimony of Gen. LeMay that AF can use that money. Said: "I think continued usefulness of long-range bombers in modern warfare was demonstrated when the Defense Department included plans to continue use of several B-47 bomber wings that had been scheduled for deactivation in its new amendments sent to the committee in response to the Berlin situation. If this now obsolescent bomber can, in the judgment of our highest civilian and military planners, satisfy a functional need for our defense today, then how much more suitable must it be to continue production of our most modern bombers. . ." (Cong. Record August 3,

Nuclear Testing - reference to Soviet testing: "Now we shall be free to take advantage of nuclear testing, which I believe we should do for the strength and security of our country." (Cong. Record August 30, 1961 Page 16401)

NOTE: Is now ranking minority member of the Senate Appropriations Committee and the Armed Services Committee)

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